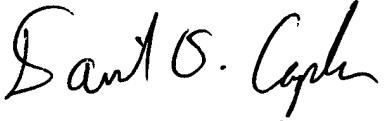
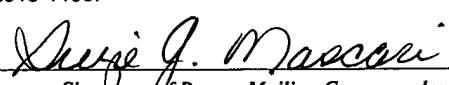
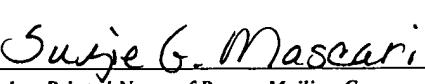


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Serial No. 10/044,655	Filing Date January 11, 2002	Examiner Fontaine, Monica A.	Group Art Unit 1732	
Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEGATING MOLDED PARTS FROM A RUNNER</b>				
<u><b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b></u>				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>				
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2003 for the above-identified application.